
JANUARY 16, 1829.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Alexander Claxton, reported the following bill:

A BILL

For the relief of Alexander Claxton.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of*
2 *the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 *it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy to pay to the*
4 *person or persons who may be legally entitled to receive the*
5 *same, or who may have legally paid the same, the taxable*
6 *costs decreed to be paid by Alexander Claxton, a Master*
7 *Commandant in the Navy of the United States, in the suit*
8 *prosecuted by him against the English merchant ship James*
9 *Mitchell, in the Superior Court of the District of East Flori-*
10 *da; and that a sum, not exceeding four thousand dollars be,*
11 *and the same hereby is, appropriated, for the purpose afore-*
12 *said, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appro-*
13 *priated.*

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the proper ac-*
2 *counting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they*
3 *hereby are, authorized and directed to audit and allow the*

4 accounts of the said Alexander Claxton, for his reasonable ex-
5 penses incurred by him in and about the prosecution of his
6 claim for salvage against the English merchant ship James
7 Mitchell, in the Superior Court of the District of East Flori-
8 da, so as that said expenses shall not exceed eight hundred
9 and seventy-two dollars and seventy-five cents ; and that the
10 amount of the said expenses, when ascertained, be paid to the
11 said Alexander Claxton, out of any money in the Treasury,
12 not otherwise appropriated.